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An "epidonax" flycatcher was seen December 15, 1985, at Middle Creek WMA (White Oak Picnic Area), Klinefeltersville, PA, and was tentatively identified as a Yellow-bellied Flycatcher. The bird was observed from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. The bird was often viewed closely, sometimes within 10 feet of the observers and usually eye level or below, under excellent lighting conditions. Photographs were taken with a 500 mm/F-8 mirror lens at shutter speeds of 1/125 and 1/250 with 200 ASA Ektachrome film.

Observers were Don Garner, Tom Garner, and Eric Witmer.

The bird was found along the edge of a mixed coniferous woodland, predominately Cedar (Red Juniper), occasionally moving into deciduous woodland with moderate undercover.

The bird was always seen close to the ground (except one time when flushed and sat 15' up), often landing on the ground and then flying up to a low perch. Bird was very active, not staying at one place for more than 30 seconds. Once fed on a medium-sized, blue-colored berry. When perched, it constantly wagged tail downward. No wing flicking was observed. However, when the bird was perched, the wings were held in a slightly outstretched position, never completely folded against the body. (See slide #14.)

The upperparts (crown, nape, back, and rump) were yellow-green throughout. (Some of the photographs picture the bird to have brownish tinges to the upperparts. The lighting conditions under which we observed the bird were excellent; no brownish tinges were seen.)

The underparts (throat, breast, belly, and undertail coverts) were light yellow. Yellow in the throat blended gradually into the darker cheek. The sides of the breast had olive coloration and were separated in the center by light yellow.

Wings were dark, with two off-white wingbars.

Tail was dark, with a slight notch. Legs were also dark.

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Upper mandible was black, while the lower mandible was yellow-orange throughout its length.

Eye-ring was yellowish, definitely complete, although it was broader at front and back of eye, however, it did not appear to be tear-dropped in shape toward the eye.

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Voting Tabulation - Round # 1 of

Species: Pacific Slope Flycatcher

Date of Sighting: 15 December 1985

Observer(s): Eric Witmer, Tom Garner, Don Garner

Date of Submission: 1991

Submitted by: Eric Witmer

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